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Mr. I. M. Johnston,
Upland, California.

My dear Mr. Johnston:

Early in April of this year you were good enough to send me some specimens of Crassulaceae which reached me promptly and I at once had these planted in our green-house. Unfortunately, the specimens came at a time when I was overwhelmed with work and I have not had an opportunity to study the plants carefully since.

What you say about Dudleya is very interesting. The genus is certainly a very difficult one. I still believe, however, that it is composed of many species, although in some places there may have been too many species made.

I think that you are pursuing the right method in studying the collection by bringing together in one place a large series of specimens. If you would like to have some specimens from my collection I would be very glad, indeed to send them to you. Dudleya, however, does not do well in our eastern collections, while the genus Echeveria succeeds most admirably. I can send you plants of this genus as well.

I am leaving, however, for Ecuador next week where I shall probably be all summer.

Associate Curator,
Division of Plants.

Yours very truly,

